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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/670,625	Applicant(s) TRIPLETT ET AL.	
	Examiner Melissa A. McCorkle	Art Unit 3763	

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 November 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 12-14 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Claims 12-14 withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected invention, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Election was made **without** traverse in the reply filed on 11/22/2006.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1-are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Martin (5,395,316). Martin discloses a proximal insert for a coaxial catheter, comprising a body having a proximal end and a distal end, comprising a first passageway extending from a first opening to a second opening and configured to receive an inner lumen of said coaxial catheter, a shoulder on an outer surface of said distal end, positioned proximate said first opening, wherein said shoulder is configured to abut a wall of an outer lumen of said coaxial catheter, a shoulder on an outer surface of said distal end, positioned proximate said first opening, wherein said should is configured to abut a wall of an outer lumen of said coaxial catheter, and a second passageway extending from said first passageway to a third opening; wherein said second passageway forms an angle with said first passageway in the range of approximately 15 degrees to 60 degrees (see column 4 lines 42-53.)

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4. Martin discloses the insert comprised of plastic (column 5 line 31-33.) Martin discloses the device wherein an outer surface distal of said shoulder is tapered (figure 1), and he discloses the device wherein said first passageway has a smaller diameter proximal to the point at which said second passageway connects thereto (fig 1) and wherein a diameter of said second passageway increases at a point adjacent said third opening. He discloses the device further comprising a second shoulder on an outer surface of said proximal end positioned proximate said third opening, wherein said second shoulder is configured to abut a wall of an extension tube.

5. Martin discloses a multi-lumen catheter comprising a coaxial catheter comprising at least two lumens, at least two extension tubes, and an insert positioned between said catheter and said tubes, comprising a body having a proximal end and a distal end comprising a first passageway extending from a first opening to a second opening and configured to receive an inner lumen of said coaxial catheter, a shoulder on an outer surface of said distal end, positioned proximate said first opening, wherein said shoulder is configured to abut a wall of an outer lumen of said coaxial catheter, a shoulder on an outer surface of said distal end, positioned proximate said first opening, wherein said shoulder is configured to abut a wall of an outer lumen of said coaxial catheter, and a second passageway extending from said first passageway to a third opening; wherein said inner lumen of said coaxial catheter is positioned within said first passageway of said body and said distal end of said body is positioned within said outer lumen of said coaxial catheter, said shoulder abutting a wall thereof, wherein a first of said extension leg tubes is connected to said inner lumen of said coaxial catheter and a second of said

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extension tubes is connected to said second opening of said body, further comprising a hub molded over a proximal end of said coaxial catheter and said body, wherein said body is completely encapsulated by said hub (see figure 10 and col 5 line 52-col 6 line 5).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Melissa A. McCorkle whose telephone number is (571) 272-2773. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 8:00am - 4:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nick Lucchesi can be reached on (571) 272-4977. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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